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METHOD OF LIQUID-PHASE SYNTHESIS
OF OLIGONUCLEIC ACID COMPOUND

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Claim Amendments are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.